for participation in power generation and distribution has been initiated in 1991 and is currently under implementation. The policy encourages private investment in the power sector from both domestic and international investors and offers attractive returns for the same. The response of the private sector to the policy, at the present stage, is encouraging.

Health hazards due to fly-ash generated by Inderprastha Power Plant

2133. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the huge quantity of fly-ash generated by the Inderprastha Power Plant is posing serious health hazards in the city;

(b) if so, the existing arrangements for the disposal of the fly-ash generated by the power plant; and

(c) the measures contemplated by Government to solve the problem of its disposal to minimise its adverse affects on the health of the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Indraprastha Thermal Power Station produces around 15,000 to 20,000 MT of fly-ash per month The fly-ash generated by the power station is disposed of in the form of slurry and is deposited in the ash pond area near the power station. In these ash ponds, the fly ash is allowed to settle down and the decanted water is allowed to flow into river Yamuna. The semi-dry fly ash is transported in trucks for land filling in low line areas allotted by Delhi Development Authority (DDA). The Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) has a proposal to set up a plant for making bricks for utilisation of fly ash. The proposal is under study with the Fly-Ash Mission under the Department of Science & Technology.

Electrostatic Precipitators (EPs) have been installed in the five units of Indraprastha Power Station. Except in the case of Unit No. 5, the emission levels in the case of all other units are within the prescribed limit of 150mg/Nmg DVB is taking action to rectify the position at Unit 5.

Government's instruction to in-principle clearance to power projects

2134. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions to give 'In-principle clearance' to nodel agency for the power projects before putting it on the competitive bid; details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Electricity Authority has received any proposal for 'in-principle clearance' to Pipavav Power project from Government of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the necessary clearance has been given; and

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The proposal for 'in-principle clearance' (IPC) to Pipavav dual fuel based power station (615 MW) was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from M/s. Gujarat Power